

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: N. A. Bowers
TADASHI HAYASHI	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 1797
Application No.: 10/815,652	)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 8200
Filed: April 2, 2004	)	
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For: TARGET OBJECT MODIFICATION	)	August 12, 2008
APPARATUS AND CONTROL	:	
METHOD	)	

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Commissioner for Patents

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and in response to the final Office Action dated May 12, 2008, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: